

COMING OF WINTER IS HERALDED BY FIRST BIG STORM

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hours. Preceded by heavy rains Friday and Saturday, snow began falling at 3 o'clock this morning. Before noon, railroad, trolley and vehicle traffic was battling with the elements in an effort to continue operations. Toward evening, the thermometer tumbled rapidly and the water and snow froze. This completely demoralized transportation.

Wires to Outside Useless.
Shortly after noon the Western Union Telegraph Company reported all wires down to New York, Columbus and Cleveland. The Postal Company was tied up by the storm to all points from here. Telephone wires to the outside were useless.

To-night the Western Union made up a circuit to the principal cities east of Pittsburgh and to Chicago and Louisville. The Postal Company was still unable to reach New York, Baltimore, Washington and Cleveland. Train service, east and west of Pittsburgh, is seriously handicapped. Through trains are running hours late, and trains of lesser importance are either held up at division points or annulled.

In this city and vicinity, the storm was especially severe. In the Monongahela Valley, leading east from here, the Allegheny County Light Company to-night reported that over 1,000 wires were down.

The storm was moving north, in the direction of Lake Erie to-night. Parts of West Virginia and Eastern Ohio are believed to have suffered considerable damage, but attempts to get in communication with these points have been futile.

Snow at Depth of Fifteen Inches.
Cumberland, Md., November 9.—Snow has reached a depth of fifteen inches at Elkins, W. Va., and other points in the Eastern Alleghenies in Maryland, West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. The fall continues and the wind is blowing a gale. Traffic on the Western Maryland and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads is greatly interfered with because of wire trouble and drifts. Several trains on branch lines are snowbound.

Blizzard in Raging.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., November 9.—A snow blizzard raged throughout East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia all afternoon, covering the mountains to a depth of several inches. Its fury increased with nightfall and the mercury dropped suddenly from 40 degrees to 4 below freezing.

Snowstorm in Kentucky.
Louisville, Ky., November 9.—Accompanied by a high wind and low temperature, a snowstorm swept over a large portion of Kentucky to-day. At Middletown a fall of six inches was reported. In the section around Louisville live stock was reported to be suffering. In Louisville the snowfall was light and intermittent.

Gale Storms Lake.
Chicago, November 9.—A gale has swept Lake Michigan for the last twenty-four hours. The schooner C. J. Hays, loaded with distress signals, this afternoon, while trying to run into the harbor, a life saving crew went out, but was unable to help the schooner and she was left to ride the sea with double anchors.

First Wintry Weather.
Jacksonville, Fla., November 9.—Florida to-day was in the grasp of the first wintry weather of the season. The day was clear, but a high, cold wind sent the mercury down to 42 degrees. Wire communication between here and Tampa was interrupted until late tonight.

Freezing Predicted.
Savannah, Ga., November 9.—At 8 o'clock to-night, the thermometer here registered 46 degrees above zero, with freezing predicted for morning. This section now is experiencing the first extreme cold of the winter.

Heavy Frosts Expected.
Charleston, S. C., November 9.—Heavy frosts and possibly freezing temperatures to-night were predicted for this section. High winds, reaching a velocity of thirty-seven miles an hour, prevailed here to-day. The temperatures at 8 o'clock to-night was 41, with indications of a drop of several degrees before morning.

Intermittent Snow Flurries.
Atlanta, Ga., November 9.—Northern Georgia today was visited by gentle winter weather. Throughout this section, there were intermittent snow flurries during the day and the mer-

ANCIENT TABB STREET CHURCH WILL OBSERVE ITS BIRTHDAY

One Hundred Years Ago First Congregation Organized in Petersburg.

ITS INTERESTING HISTORY

During Lifetime It Has Witnessed Wonderful Growth of Presbyterianism.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Phone 1485), Petersburg, Va., November 9. As appropriate to the observance on Sunday next of the centennial of the Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, the pastor, the Rev. Charles R. Strubling, at the morning service to-day delivered a sermon-address, embracing an interesting history of the church and of the men who in the past had largely figured in it. His text was from Heb. x. 22, "Call to Remembrance the Former Days," and his subject was "The Biography of a Church." The congregation was large and deeply attentive and interested. It was an occasion and an address that could not be otherwise than deeply interesting.

"Before I call from the past the men who figured so prominently in the history of Tabb Street Church," said Mr. Strubling, "and attempt to clothe them with flesh and blood again, let me recall the conditions of our city and land 100 years ago. A war with England was raging, and Petersburg had contributed liberally of its best men to maintain the rights and liberties of the infant republic.

"Only a few months before your fathers became an organized Presbyterian church, a great Indian massacre had taken place in Alabama, and more than 400 men, women and children were brutally massacred. Just prior to this by only a few years, the famous duel between John D. Burdick and a Frenchman, named Cobert, had taken place almost within sight of the church in which I am now speaking, and the poet and historian fell in the vigor and manhood of his days and filled an untimely grave.

"The more recent horror of the burning of the theatre in Richmond was fresh in the minds of our people, and perhaps did much in Petersburg, as it had done in Richmond, to turn men's thoughts and heads to God.

"At that time there were but two churches here—one in Blandford, and one in Petersburg. The first service ever conducted in Petersburg by a Presbyterian preacher was held by the Rev. Samuel Davies, about the year 1759. No greater man ever lived in our State than this pioneer preacher. In 1782 Davies was followed by Benjamin Grigsby and Archibald Alexander, young men fresh from college. This service came in the summer of 1812 Benjamin Holt Rice, under whose ministry twenty were gathered into a congregation and organized into a church by the Presbyterians in Petersburg. In the fall of 1812 Mr. Rice was chosen pastor, and under his ministry the church grew and prospered.

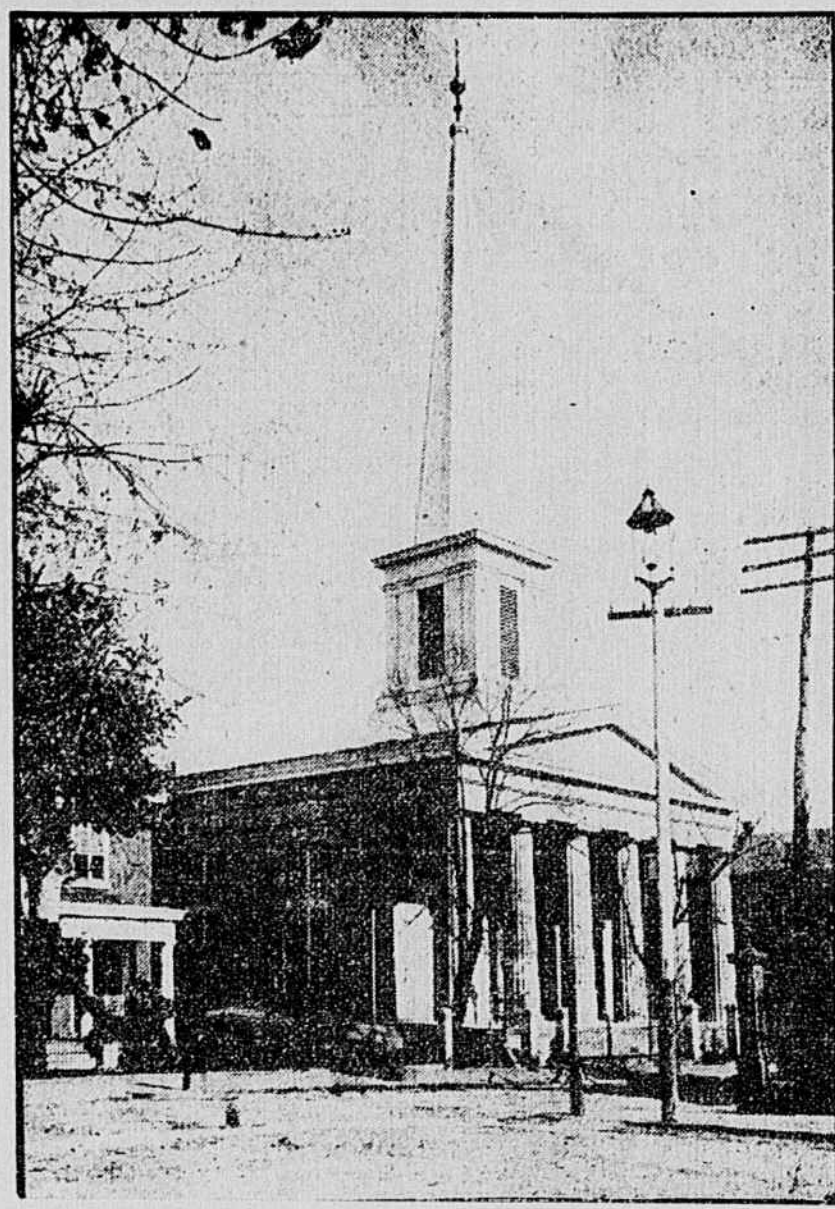
"The church endeavored to follow in his footsteps, as he followed his Divine Master. Among the most conspicuous of these men were the Rev. W. G. Plumer, D. D., the Rev. John Leaburn, D. D., the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D. D., the Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., the Rev. William J. Hoge, the Rev. E. I. Babney, D. D., the Rev. E. H. Rutherford, D. D., the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, the Rev. Robert P. Kerr, D. D., the Rev. J. Rosser, D. D., the Rev. J. G. Foster, D. D. But two of the church's former pastors are living—the Rev. Dr. Kerr, of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, and the Rev. Dr. Foster, of the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Charles R. Strubling, the present pastor, was installed in 1911. In cury registered as low as 35 degrees, with a forecast of freezing before tomorrow.

Traffic Tied Up.
Charleston, W. Va., November 9.—A snowstorm of unusual severity visited the mountain region of West Virginia to-day. Fallen telegraph poles and trees and great snowdrifts have tied up traffic on the Virginian Coal and Coke Railroads.

Ohio Is Storm-Swept.
Columbus, O., November 9.—A severe snow and windstorm swept Ohio to-day, seriously impairing telegraph and telephone communication and delaying trains.

The northern and eastern sections of the State suffered most, but a heavy snow fall accompanied by high winds was reported from southern points. At Zanesville the fall measured fourteen inches, while many other cities reported from three to seven inches. Cleveland and Sandusky are virtually isolated. All wires within a radius of



TABB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PETERSBURG.

his address, Mr. Strubling narrated many interesting incidents connected with the history and progress of Tabb Street Church, and added that during the century 2,325 members were received into the church. When the church was organized there were about 50,000 communicant members of the Presbyterian Church in this country. Now in the two branches there are 1,716,603. Then there were 254,872 communicants in all the Protestant churches of the land. Now there are about 22,765,000.

Historical Notes.
From the manual of Tabb Street Church it is learned that the Rev. Samuel Davies was the first Presbyterian minister who ever preached in Petersburg. This was about the year 1759. Few persons would consent to hear him, and prejudice ran high against anything decidedly evangelical. He was popularly called the "New Light," and preached but a few times. In 1782 the Presbytery of Hanover was organized, with six ministers, of which the Rev. Samuel Davies was one. After the organization of the presbytery there was still no stated preaching by the Presbyterians in Petersburg until the summer of 1812, when the Rev. Benjamin Holt Rice, a native of Virginia, after laboring in Philadelphia, came South with a missionary commission from the general assembly's board and settled in Petersburg. He began his ministry by preaching in an unfurnished storehouse on Bank Street, and by the close of 1812 was enabled to organize a church with twenty members. The growth of the congregation

100 miles of Cleveland were affected. In many places wires were broken when poles toppled over.

Covered With Snow Blanket.
Wheeling, W. Va., November 9.—Northern West Virginia is covered with a snow blanket of from twelve to sixteen inches to-night, and a storm that started early to-day continues unabated. Clarksburg and Fairmont are practically isolated. Steam and trolley traffic is tied up by snow drifts, and wire service is demoralized.

First Blast of Winter.
Buffalo, N. Y., November 9.—The first blast of winter swept the Great Lakes to-day. The extent of damage at Lake ports and the loss to shipping was uncertain, because of the almost complete prostration of both telegraph and telephone wires. Reports from passengers on incoming trains from the

necessitating a larger building, steps were taken for the erection of a more comfortable house of worship on the south side of Tabb Street, on the ground now occupied by the Shirley Hotel, which structure was completed in October, 1823. It was destroyed by fire on November 7, 1841. The congregation worshipped in Mechanics' Hall until the present edifice, on the north side of Tabb Street, was erected and dedicated in January, 1844. On June 26, 1851, during the ministry of Dr. A. B. Van Zandt, twenty-two members of Tabb Street Church were dismissed to form the Second Church, and on July 26, 1876, during the ministry of Dr. T. D. Witherspoon, twenty-seven members were dismissed to form the Old Street Presbyterian Church.

The succession of pastors, elders and deacons of Tabb Street Church since its organization forms an impressive list of names of prominent men, who were intimately connected with the history of the church. The present officers of the church are: pastor, Rev. Charles R. Strubling, ruling elders, James P. Banks, clerk; William H. Camp, Walter N. Jones, William C. Russell, Robert C. Thompson, W. R. Smith, A. D. Hamilton, J. J. Bolling Jones and R. Randolph Jones; deacons, Alfred Friend, Jr., H. T. Donnan, S. H. Hobbs, Randolph Marlon, Wilkes Madison, E. B. Spivey, R. M. Cooper, H. M. Woody, Thomas E. Bond, Dr. J. G. Rennie, J. B. McCulloch, John McGill, James McIl, Rudin, M. K. Donagan. The observance proper of the centennial of Tabb Street Church will take place next Sunday.

West indicated that Northern Ohio felt the brunt of the storm.

Steady Fall of Snow.
Chattanooga, Tenn., November 9.—With temperature below 35 degrees, all day Chattanooga to-day was visited by an almost incessant fall of snow. The snow melted as fast as it fell. On the mountains a considerable snowfall is reported, and Point Lookout showed white this evening.

Blizzard in Indiana.
Indianapolis, Ind., November 9.—A blizzard, accompanied by a snowstorm, swept over Indiana to-day crippling telephone and wire service. The government thermometer here registered 27 degrees.

The fall of snow ranged from twelve inches at Plymouth to half an inch in the southern part of the State.

COLD IN RICHMOND

Drop of Twenty-One Degrees in Twenty Hours, With High Winds.

With the thermometer dropping twenty-one degrees in twenty hours, from midnight Saturday to 8 o'clock last night, Richmond yesterday passed through one of the coldest days of the autumn, and a high wind, which reached a velocity of thirty-six miles an hour, added to the general discomfort. There was a high wind all along the Atlantic coast, from Key West to New York, at which latter place it reached a velocity of forty-eight miles an hour. Out at sea, where the wind had a wider and untrammelled sweep, it rose to the dimensions of a gale, and small shipping fled to cover. In the western part of the State and in the Carolinas there was heavy rain on Saturday night and yesterday morning, and the mountains of Virginia were covered with a light fall of snow.

In Chicago and in other parts of the Middle West temperature was moderately low. Here at midnight Saturday it was 58 degrees, and 37 degrees at 8 o'clock last night, which was the minimum temperature of the day. In Cincinnati and Louisville the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees, but in Winnipeg, Canada, it hung just 14 degrees above zero.

Neither of the telephone companies experienced wire trouble local or account of the wind, it was stated last night. The weather was not unusually cold for the season of the year, though there was a slight drop from the normal temperature for yesterday.

MELLEN REVEALS INSIDE HISTORY

Boston, November 9.—A three-hour interview, in which was laid bare the inside of the New Haven Railroad for the past ten years has been granted by Charles S. Mellen, the ex-president parading the city to-day, to a newspaperman, tired of the public lashing



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he has received. Some of the points he brings forth in his interview are summed up in a nutshell as follows:

Control of system dominated absolutely by Morgan, which control has now passed to Morgan firm and "the Boston financial machinery."

All New Haven turmoil caused by fight between New York and Boston bankers.

Told by house of Morgan to mind his own business; they would furnish money without advice.

Stockholders' protective committee nothing but a marionette.

Men in control sacrificed him to still public clamor raised by the long fight. He could have maintained 8 per cent dividend.

No man is worth over \$25,000 per year salary.

Government ownership of railroads coming soon.

No receivership necessary for Boston and Maine.

With money needlessly spent on Westchester system he could have four-tracked road from Boston to Providence and electrified entire road between New York and Boston.

When Morse offered the New Haven

\$20,000,000 for the steamship lines, I advocated their sale, but the directors voted to hold them," he said. "Even at that time I pointed out that some day the government would compel us to sell them."

"I was really afraid that if some big accident occurred to one of our boats as president of the road, ten years ago. If I have been feathering my nest, I should like now to find some of the feathers."

"There is not the big money in railroads that there used to be. There will not be any great opposition to government ownership when the time arrives, because private capital will find the field unprofitable as a result of the too strict regulation."

"My own crowd was working behind my back. The stockholders' protective committee was formed in Boston in the interest of the fiscal agents, and was dominated by them. It was simply a blind behind which my work was supposed to be investigated and condemned. As a matter of fact, I was condemned in advance."

"At best, I was simply the operating head of the road. The fight was between the barking interests, between New York on one side and Boston on the other."

"I gave the order to open the throttle wide and spare no expense in making certain that no more accidents should occur. I offered positions to

vice-presidents of three different roads, asking them to come and work under me to prevent accidents. They knew I could not guarantee them safety and positions for any length of time. They knew I was slated to go. They refused to come. I have not as much money to-day as when I first came here as president of the road, ten years ago. If I have been feathering my nest, I should like now to find some of the feathers."

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